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In re PATENT APPLICATION OF

Confirmation No.: 6521

MICHEL et al.

Group Art Unit: 3617

Appln. No.: 09/961,387

Examiner: S. Avila

Filed: September 25, 2001

Title: WATERCRAFT WITH STEER RESPONSIVE THROTTLE

March 11, 2002

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENTAssistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend this application as follows:

IN THE TITLE:

Please delete the Title of the application as filed and replace it with the following:

WATERCRAFT WITH STEER RESPONSIVE ENGINE SPEED CONTROLLERIN THE ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE:

ax Please delete the present Abstract of the Disclosure and replace it with the new Abstract of the Disclosure submitted herewith on the separate attached sheet.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

The specification is changed as follows. Please insert the following new paragraph [0024.01] below paragraph [0024], and replace paragraphs [0001], [0025] - [0029], [0045], [0051] and [0089] with the following amended paragraphs.

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ax [0001] The present application claims priority to and is a continuation of U.S. Application

now U.S. Patent 6,336,843 issued January 8, 2002,
Serial No. 09/383,073, filed August 26, 1999, which in turn claims priority to U.S. is a CIP of
Application 08/782,490, filed January 10, 1997, ^{now abandoned} the entirety of each of which are hereby
incorporated into the present application by reference.

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REPLY/AMENDMENT/LETTER

This is a reply/amendment/letter in the above-identified application and includes the herewith attachment of same date and subject which is incorporated hereinto by reference and the signature below is treated as the signature to the attachment in absence of a signature thereto.

FEE REQUIREMENTS FOR CLAIMS AS AMENDED

1. Small Entity claim A. <input type="checkbox"/> NOT made B. <input type="checkbox"/> Withdrawn C. <input type="checkbox"/> made herewith D. <input type="checkbox"/> made previously For B & C See Required Separate Paper (Pat-256)		Claims remaining after amendment	Highest number previously paid for	Present Extra	Large/Small Entity	Additional Fee	Fee Code Lg/Sm
2. Total Effective Claims		68	**minus 75	0	x \$18/\$9 =	+ \$0	103/203
3. Independent Claims		6	***minus 6	0	x \$84/\$42 =	+ \$0	102/202
4. amendment enters proper multiple dependent claim(s) into this application for first time (leave blank if this is a reissue application)					add	+ \$280/\$140 =	+ \$0 104/204
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		(2 mos)	\$400/\$200 =		+ \$		116/216
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		(Usable only for 30 day/1mo.OA --- 5 mos)	\$1,960/\$980=				128/228
7. Enter any previous extension fee paid since above original due date and subtract					- \$0		
8. Extension Fee Attached					+ \$		
9. If Terminal Disclaimer attached, add Rule 20(d) official fee					+ \$110/\$55	+ \$0	148/248
10. If IDS attached requires Official Fee under Rule 97 (c),					+ \$180	+ \$0	126
or if Rule 97(d) Request					+ \$180		126
11. After-Final Request Fee per rules 129(a) and 17(r)					+ \$740/370	+ \$0	146/246
12. No. of additional inventions for examination per Rule 129(b)					x \$740/370 ea	+ \$0	149/249
13. Request for Continued Examination (RCE)					+ \$740/370	+ \$0	1179/1279
14. Petition fee for					+ \$0		
15. TOTAL FEE ENCLOSED =					\$ -0-		

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Query: Is appeal deadline now? If so, file Notice of Appeals separately.

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